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A Letter from James Burrow *Esquire, F. R. S. to* Peter Daval *Esq*; Secr. R. S. *concerning the same* Earthquake *being felt at* East Sheen, *near* Richmond *Park in* Surrey.

Dear Sir, *March* 30. 1750.

Read April 5. 1750. I AM very much obliged to you for the Opportunity of perusing those Papers, which I intended and ought to have come and heard read. If I had been present, I would have (in some measure) confirmed Mr. *Newcome's* Account of what was perceived in his House at *Hackney*, by a similar Testimony from *East Sheen* near *Richmond Park* in *Surrey*. It depends indeed upon the Perception of a single Person; whereas *his* is verified by the Sensations of six different ones; but it is exactly parallel, as to the being felt above-stairs, but not below.

On *Sunday* the 18th instant, at a very little after 6 in the Afternoon, as Miss *Lethieullier* was sitting in her Dressing-Room up two Pair of Stairs, fronting to the South, with a Book before her, she felt such a Shock of an Earthquake, as she apprehended, that she immediately ran down Stairs, frighted; and finding Mr. *Lethieullier* her Father, and another Person, sitting together in the Parlour, asked them, "if "they had not felt another Shock of an Earthquake."

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But, finding that neither they, nor any one elſe, had perceived any thing like it, ſhe neither ſaid or thought any more of it; ſuſpecting it might be only a ſudden Guſt of Wind, or ſome other accidental Cauſe.

On reading the Accounts in the public Papers of a real Shock of an Earthquake being felt at *Portſmouth*, at the *Iſle of Wight*, and at other Places, exactly at the ſame time, her Father, and the Gentlewoman who was in the Parlour with him, began to doubt whether the young Lady's Apprehenſion was not founded upon ſomewhat more than mere Fancy or Imagination; and Mr. *Newcome*'s Account ſeems to render it probable that ſhe felt a real Motion.

Whether it was, or was not, I don't pretend to determine; and ſhould ſcarce have mention'd it, if it had not ſo exactly coincided with what Mr. *Newcome* has communicated. I have no doubt of the Fact above rehearſed; having been aſſured of it by all the three Perſons before ſpoken of, who firſt mention'd it in an accidental Converſation upon the Subject, and afterwards (on being particularly interrogated) poſitively and expreſly atteſted it. I am,

Dear Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

James Burrow.

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